



Left to Right (U.S. Congressman John B. Larson and Rosemarie Burton, President of

Klingberg Family Centers)

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Larson: Klingberg Family Centers Open New Facility in Hartford, Expand Services in the Region

Hartford, CT—Today, U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-1) joined Klingberg Family Centers President Rosemarie Burton in opening the organization's new facility in Hartford's South End neighborhood of Sheldon/Charter Oak. Last December, Congressman Larson helped secure \$400,000 federal funding to support the expansion of the building. The organization, which serves children and families recovering from the perils of abuse and neglect, is able to expand their services throughout the Hartford region.

"I am very pleased to help mark this new stage in the continuing growth of Klingberg Family Centers and our capital city," Congressman Larson said. ***"Klingberg Family Centers does invaluable work every day in Hartford and across the state to support the growth and well-being of our communities. This new facility will provide hope and opportunity to the hundreds of children and families in the Greater Hartford region affected by various aspects of abuse and help them transition to live emotionally happier and healthier lives."***

“We deeply appreciate Congressman Larson’s dedication to helping families access the services they need in their own community,” said Rosemarie Burton. “The facility, located on Charter Oak Avenue near major highways and a bus route, will give area families greater access to Klingberg’s outpatient and in-home services.”

Founded in New Britain in 1903, Klingberg Family Centers is a non-profit organization committed to offering life-changing community services to children and families who have suffered through severe family problems, emotional and behavioral issues, mental illness, and other difficulties stemming from abuse or neglect. Through programs such as residential treatment programs, child abuse treatment services, and family enrichment services, Klingberg Family Centers empowers children and families to be confident and strive to reach their full potential.

More than 3,000 families throughout the state receive services each year from the Klingberg Family Centers, with the largest concentration in the Greater Hartford region.

Vice President of Community Services David Lawrence-Hawley said that the new, permanent location will help expand Klingberg’s services to area residents.

“Klingberg Family Centers has rented space in Hartford for more than 10 years in an effort to be more accessible to the clients we serve in the city and surrounding towns. The new location allows us to significantly expand our outpatient counseling services for children and families. We will also have more space to hold classes, support groups and workshops for parents working to strengthen their families,” Lawrence-Hawley said.

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